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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
American Electric Power
Service Corporation
Docket No. ER07-1069-007

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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

1. On June 13, 2016, you submitted, in the above referenced proceeding, a settlement agreement (Settlement) between American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEP), on behalf of its subsidiaries Southwestern Electric Power Company and Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Ms. Martha Peine (Settling Parties). On July 5, 2016, Commission Trial Staff filed comments supporting the Settlement. No other comments were filed. On July 11, 2016, the Settlement Judge certified the Settlement to the Commission as an uncontested settlement.¹

2. The Settlement addresses issues related to Ms. Peine's formal challenges to AEP's 2013 and 2014 annual update filings that detail the calculation of rates and charges for transmission service under AEP's transmission formula rate template and protocols, as well as other related matters.

3. With respect to the standard of review, section IV(B) of the Settlement provides that

[t]he standard of review for any modification to this Settlement, whether (i) set forth in a written amendment executed by the Settling Parties, (ii) pursuant to the Commission's exercise of its authority under section 206 of

¹ *Am. Elec. Power Serv. Corp.*, 156 FERC ¶ 63,003 (2016).

the Federal Power Act, whether acting *sua sponte* or on a complaint, or (iii) proposed by a non-signatory, shall be the “just and reasonable” standard.

4. The Settlement resolves all issues in dispute in this proceeding. The Settlement appears to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest, and is hereby approved. The Commission’s approval of this Settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding.

5. This letter order terminates Docket No. ER07-1069-007.

By direction of the Commission. Commissioner Honorable is not participating.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.